

House Resolution No. 1300

Whereas, it is with heavy hearts that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to acknowledge the significant achievements of a life gone by, that of Ruth Gandy Washington, who passed to her eternal reward on March 20, 2003; and

Whereas, Ruth Washington came into this world in Greenville, South Carolina, on April 18, 1928, as the youngest of ten children born to the Reverend Charles Francis Gandy and Belle Victoria Brock Gandy, who welcomed her into their hearts as a precious gift from God; and

Whereas, a graduate of Sterling High School in Greenville, Ruth Washington went on to receive her Bachelor's degree from Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia, and her Master's degree in Sociology from New York University; and

Whereas, Ruth Washington embarked upon a new and exciting chapter in her life when she married her beloved Walter Washington, a kind and caring gentleman with whom she shared fifty-two years of wedded success and happiness; and

Whereas, a former employee of the St. Louis Housing Authority and the Human Development Corporation, Ruth Washington participated in many volunteer activities and organizations including the Spelman Club, Jack and Jill of America, Inc., the St. Louis chapter of Links, Inc., the St. Louis Smart Set, the Girl Friends, Inc., and the Booklovers Club; and

Whereas, a vivacious, giving woman who lived life to the fullest and gave unconditional love to her friends and loved ones, Ruth Washington leaves behind to cherish her memory her devoted husband of fifty-two years, Dr. Walter Washington; her four children, Vicki Cheryl, Walter Michael, Eric D'Arcy, and Kevin Emil; her two daughters-in-law, Joyce and Lois; her five grandchildren, Vincent Nolan, Marie Elizabeth, Alexia Rae, Kristina Nicole, and Kayla Alexandria; her two sisters, Alma Love and Theodosia Johnson; and her brother David Conrad Gandy:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join in paying final tribute to Ruth Washington, a remarkable woman of peace and kindness in this world who will be sadly missed by all those who had the distinct pleasure of knowing and loving her; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the loved ones of the late Ruth Gandy Washington, as an expression of our deepest sympathy.

Offered by _____
Representative Connie L. Johnson
District No. 61

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1300, adopted April 2, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker